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UNITED STATES DIGEST: Comprising a Digest of the Decisions of the Courts of Common Law, Equity, and Admiralty in the United States, and in England. By GEORGE SILSBEE HALE, of the Boston Bar. Vol. XI. Annual Digest for 1857. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1858. pp. 719.

The profession has been annually laid under obligations to Messrs. Little & Brown, and their learned and indefatigable editors, for the volumes of the United States Digest. It is difficult to name a more useful book, as each annual contribution contains a short note of the points in each case, throughout the whole range of American Reports. We do not see any reason to complain of the manner in which Mr. Hale has executed his most onerous and repulsive duty, in abstracting, digesting and classifying the numerous judicial denominations scattered through so many volumes. As a finger guide or index, it is most serviceable, and no student or thorough practitioner will fail to avail himself of its ample pages.

REPORTS OF CASES ARGUED AND DETERMINED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF RHODE ISLAND. By SAMUEL AMES, Chief Justice and Reporter. Vol. I. Rhode Island Reports, Vol. IV. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1858. pp. 651.

It is a noticeable fact that some of the smallest States in the Union have supplied us with some of our best reports. The Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Rhode Island reports, have always, with some few objectionable volumes, been held in esteem by the bar. This volume of Rhode Island reports is even better than its predecessors, and is decidedly one of the very best volumes of law reports that we have had occasion to look into for a long time. It is true that the learned Chief Justice chooses to report his own and his fellow judges' determinations, and it is to be expected that nothing useless would be found in his pages. We noticed as of interest, and as well discussed, *Sadler vs. Fallon*, p. 490, on assignments for creditors; *Westminster Bank vs. Pheaton*, p. 30, as to form of note of agent; *State vs. Brown*, p. 528, on the subject of bank note forgeries; *Ditson vs. Ditson*, p. 87, on the law of domicile for purposes of devise; *Hiscox vs. Lanford*, p. 30, on right to dam rivers; *Wilson vs. Conway Insurance Co.*, p. 141, and *Wilson vs. Hampden Insurance Co.*, p. 159, as to statements in reply to questions by assurer.

We notice that Rhode Island, like ourselves, devotes some pages of her reports to "Mechanic's Liens," "Rail Roads," "Taxation," and "Partners and Partnership." We have marked some few cases for our own pages, and hope to give our readers an opportunity to judge of the justice of our remarks.